

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

June 25, 1996, Butte, Montana

NOTE- EQC members met in Butte for a tour comprising an overview of remediation technologies in the area. The Council held a short business meeting in Butte for which the minutes follow.

Original Minutes with Attachments

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Jerry Noble, Chair
Rep. Vicki Cocchiarella, Vice Chair
Sen. Lorents Grosfield
Rep. Dick Knox
Sen. Ken Mesaros
Rep. Scott Orr
Rep. Debbie Shea
Rep. Bill Tash

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sen. Vivian Brooke
Sen. William Crismore
Sen. Steve Doherty
Mr. Glenn Marx
Rep. Bill Ryan
Mr. Jerry Sorensen
Ms. Jeanne-Marie Souvigney
Mr. Greg Tollefson
Sen. Jeff Weldon

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Todd Everts
Mr. Michael Kakuk
Ms. Sallie Melcher
Mr. Larry Mitchell
Ms. Kathleen Williams

COUNCIL ACTION

There was no Council action taken at this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 and asked the secretary to take note of the roll.

(ATTACHMENT1)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 26, 1996 meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

MR. NOBLE introduced the staff summer intern, KURT ZEILER, to the EQC members.

SB 231 IMPLEMENTATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

SENATOR MESAROS, chair of subcommittee, reported that the public comment period on proposals to implement SB 231 would be ending on June 28, and that he would submit a report on those comments and any other progress at the next full EQC meeting. SEN. MESAROS also reported the subcommittee had reviewed the George Darrow MEPA award criteria used in the past and had approved the criteria for this year's selection of a recipient.

HJR 10 COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

REP. KNOX said the subcommittee and staff had compiled a report based on hearings regarding 27 separate state natural resource programs. He said from these hearings the subcommittee had gleaned 11 very broad issues regarding enforcement of environmental laws in the state. REP. KNOX reported the public comment period had been extended through July 20 because of the length and complexity of the report. He said the subcommittee is on schedule. MR. NOBLE thanked the subcommittee and staff for their hard work on the report. REP. COCCHIARELLA said the report would be a valuable reference tool for legislators in the coming legislative session.

ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

REP. TASH reported on the progress toward the publication of a booklet about environmental indicators in Montana. The staff and the subcommittee reviewed the 1975 indicators report produced by the EQC and culled indicators they would like to see repeated in the 1996

publication. REP. TASH said they were in the process of gathering data for the report.

MR. NOBLE asked if they will include in the publications comparisons between 1975 and the present. REP. TASH said yes; that the subcommittee hopes such comparisons will help towards being able to anticipate future environmental trends.

MR. NOBLE presented a plaque to MICHAEL KAKUK, in recognition of MR. KAKUK's service to the Council on his resignation from the EQC staff.

WATER QUALITY HANDBOOK

MICHAEL KAKUK said a draft of the handbook had been forwarded to natural resource agencies for technical review. After that process, he said, it will be "professionally edited."

EQC 25TH ANNIVERSARY

MR. NOBLE suggested that the Council might wish to observe the upcoming 25th anniversary of the EQC with some sort of gathering. He said PAUL SIHLER and ELLEN ENGSTEDT, former EQC staffers, had volunteered to look into the logistics of such a venture. MR. NOBLE said he felt it was important to recognize the occasion in some way.

The Council discussed scheduling of future meetings.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 1:10.